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In re Application of:

LaVallie et al.

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For: HUMAN SDF-5 PROTEIN AND
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated March 26, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 25 and amend claim 20 as follows:

20. (Amended) A composition for the formation and/or maintenance of chondrocyte and/or cartilaginous tissue in a patient in need of same comprising a therapeutic amount of the human SDF-5 protein according to claim 18 in a pharmaceutical carrier.

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